



Lakota East PTSO

Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2018

Called to order: 7:05 pm

Attendance: Amy Rupp, Darla Higgins, Mary Youmell, Rita Gayer, Linda Lohman, Lalyhmi Saidepet, Dylan Mason, Rob Burnside, Suzanna Davis, Susan McLaughlin, Maria Wiedwald, Erin Short, Kelsie Boccher, Libby Willms, Kelley Kruback

NOTE:

- December 13th - there was a vote made via email/text to give \$25,000 to main campus for furniture for the Innovation Hub (formerly Media Center). The vote did NOT pass.
- January 8th - there was a vote made via email/text to give \$1000 to National Honor Society to help pay for the Sadie Hawkins dance they are having. With a motion to move to vote by Erin Short, second by Amy Rupp the request for \$1000 for NHS to use for the 2019 Sadie Hawkins Dance has passed with 6 yes votes'. The request will be honored thru the budget line item for special requests.

Darla Higgins/Secretary: Minutes approved by Amy Rupp, 2nd by Rita Gayer

Amy Rupp / President:

- Amy has to leave early today, Erin will finish meeting today
- No report as she will let everyone share their exciting news
- No January meeting

Erin Short / VP:

- No report

Maria Wiedwald / Treasurer:

- This is the first year we've gone over \$50k in income for the craft show! \$9k profit for craft show this year, which is over the projected
- Waiting on staff holiday luncheon bill

Susan McLaughlin / DPC:

- "Most Likely to Succeed" movie was viewed
- Barb Bossu awards looking for action pictures of PTSO/parents doing things for the awards slide show. Pictures can be given to Susan or any DPC member.

Rita Gayer & Linda Lohman / Craft Show:

- Best show ever! 8,463 paid people; beat record by about 1,500.
- Bus shuttle was helpful; recommend starting 30 minutes earlier
- Early bird attendance was 1260 vs 956 last year – 300 more @ \$5
- Used SQUARE for charge sales this year for first time; \$700 in concessions charge sales
- Students were great and appreciated by the crafters; many compliments
- Haven't raised booth space fee in years; may do this for next year
- Fire Alarm went off during show and after; had to replace panel
- Shadow now the position and take over in the future. Still looking for people to run this next year.....

Dylan Shaw / Scholarships:

- no updates until next month



- will need readers for applications, but no senior parents

Libby Willms / After Prom:

- Met w/Prom Committee Monday; Paris theme for Prom;
- Wild Wild East for After Prom
- How to get word out – ½ have been (seniors on committee), ½ not (juniors) – push on Twitter; students would like something at ticket sales to entice them to come, like lasso contest, shooting gallery w/compressed air; video to show fellow classmates; need to get Matt Miller to ride the bull!
- Video production – can we get students to make a video? Yes, per Suzanna
- 50 raffle prizes – minimum of \$25 gift card, the rest are higher; game tickets; January 1st she will start shopping for prizes
- Keep your eyes open for ideas – cheap tv's; apple products; etc
- Needs shadow for future after proms.....
- West is not doing after prom; going to Dave & Busters instead
- Wipe out game has been reserved

Erin Short for Jill Patton / Baccalaureate:

- Speaker Preston Kahn has accepted; recent Miami grad who had depression and suicide issues. He has some positives to share from his experiences; did over 2000 mile Appalachian hike to raise awareness, 6 months long; does public speaking now; check out his twitter account; he has a remarkable story

Erin Short for Danielle Adleta / Senior Picnic:

- Date TBD based on other end of year events; AP testing is the week leading up to

Suzanna Davis / Principal:

- Marching band had Grand Nationals send-off performance after last meeting; we are new (3 years?) to this event which is much more competitive than the other one we used to do; Goal was to make semi-finals, 35 bands go to semifinals of 112 bands competing; we made semi-finals for the first time in school history!
- Football team had a great season ending in playoffs
- XC girls had to be postponed for one week due to flooding; they had a strong showing; top 5 in state!
- Veterans Day assembly; everyone should go at least once; school wide at main campus; starts with breakfast for veterans; parade down main street; video of first person accounts of those who participated; students got to understand the importance of the parade and what it meant for veterans; program in gym; this was the day after craft show so it took many people working hard to pull off the transformation; very proud of our staff and students; phenomenal program led by students – they speak and sing and do it all
- New internship program started last week – Suzanna has 4 interns;
- Concerts have been unbelievable – choir, concert band; band concerts sold out next week
- First ever Hope Week – put on by Hope Squad – spread hope and awareness; first full week of January; immediate impact with this group; one example, 3 weeks ago, in a meeting, phone going crazy from Hope Squad kids; had peer at home who was threatening to kill himself; these kids (4) started texting Suzanna to figure out what to do; law enforcement sent to house and student sent to hospital for care before any harm was done. Very proud of this group especially so early in the program
- Computers – 1 to 1 initiative starts in January; Jan 4 for Freshman, January 7-8 for



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sophomores and juniors; putting Chromebooks in their hands does not fundamentally change what goes on in the classroom; keep in mind we have great kids and staff and great learning is going on; will take a while to fully utilize; teachers are adapting; students and parents will need to as well; “fail forward” - learn, change, adapt...systematic change to work

- East vs West basketball games (boys and girls) coming up – Toys for Tots donations being collected; cutting hair for donations at halftime; Dragonfly Foundation doing kickoff; spaghetti dinner and Dustin Horter getting a state ring....lots going on here
- Demolition on media center began; converting to innovation hubs; Matt and Suzanna did a little demolition!
- Tammy Ransick is retiring 12/19; Suzanna’s secretary and office manager; huge part of Lakota East; hosting a 12/17 dessert reception w/her family; would like to request a small donation for refreshments (will use staff appreciation funds)
- Redesign of media center has limited funds with specific purposes, no discretionary funds; she may have a future request between now and 2/6; will open in January partially finished; only table and chairs, no soft seating which students love!

Rob Burnside / Associate Principal, Freshman Campus:

- Tomorrow the freshman Hope Squad is having assembly that they put together; will introduce themselves; activities planned for after exams; 22 kids stand in front of over 600 peers
- 1-1 initiative; trying to make it a celebration for the kids that day;
- trying to allow our kids to learn in many ways vs what’s always been done; education is evolving, looking at how kids learn; we are learning as we go which can often be uncomfortable; it’s not just about the Chromebook, that is only a part of it;

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Adjourned @ 8:12 - motion to adjourn – Kelly Kruback, 2nd by Susan McLaughlin

PTSO dates:

- 12/17 Freshman Campus exams
- 12/18-12/19 Freshman and Main Campus exams; Early Release
- 12/20-1/2 Winter Break
- 1/30 Main Campus Conference Night
- 1/31 Freshman Campus Conference Night
- 2/6 Next PTSO Meeting @ 7:00 pm LEFC Media Center